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FACING the FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

Phil Murray's announcement that the CIO had withdrawn its request for equal representation with the AFL at the forthcoming LIO conference in order to "have the President from the CIO" is a move which is a calculated attempt to gain glory from defeat.

Who put the President of the CIO in the position of the first place by demanding that representation? None other than Brother Murray. By withdrawing that demand, the CIO is doing no favors to anyone. It is merely confessing its original plan.

The whole controversy over labor representation at the LIO conference may appear to be merely a petty squabble to outsiders unfamiliar with the labor movement but it involves serious and fundamental issues. As a labor organization, the CIO is such a weak reed that it requires constant aid in the form of "recognition" by the government in the person of the War Relocation Authority. It is a weak reed that requires an equal and collateral branch of the labor movement.

There have been whispers to the effect that the acknowledged political partnership of the CIO appealed to the political ambitions of certain officials.

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Business Blast at Wage Formula

Demands Fair Adjustments

Imposing Proof Presented of Excessive Cost Of Living While Earnings Are Frozen

Washington, D. C., — An imposing array of witnesses from dozens of unions and from every part of the country blasted the "Little Steel" formula as the American Federation of Labor's latest attempt to force the government to impose a wage freeze.

The formula is an "iron barrier" which prevents the rescaling of wages in the national wage survey, Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, testified.

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Washington, D. C., — President Roosevelt will appoint Robert R. Watt, international representative of the American Federation of Labor, as the American workers' delegate to the conference of the International Labor Organization, which opens in Philadelphia, April 20.

It was also disclosed that AFL President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Vice President Matthew Woll will be appointed labor advisors to the American delegation at the conference.

Thus the conference between the AFL and the CIO over representation at the conference would be a complete and sweeping victory for the American Federation of Labor.

Watt has served as the American workers' delegate to the ILO since 1937 and is a member of its governing body. This year the CIO insisted that it be represented at the conference and urged the President to appoint two labor advisors from the CIO.

This proposal was flatly rejected by the AFL, which informed the President that unless it was accepted, the American delegation would not attend.

Many important recommendations dealing with post-war social problems, war control and international trade agreements are due to be considered at the ILO conference.

One of the latest resolutions adopted, it was announced at ILO headquarters in Montreal, calls for the appointment of labor commissioners in Axis territories liberated by the United Nations for the purpose of restoring normal collective bargaining as soon as possible.

The draft resolution on labor policy in liberated areas calls for immediate action of the German Labor Front and the elimination of posts in the labor and social administration of all persons who are occupationally active and who have been active in the labor movement in the territories to be occupied by Allied troops.

Under the proposed resolution, labor commissioners to be appointed as soon as any portion of Axis territory should be liberated, would have total claims of all types, also the first time in the history of the organization, the commissioners would have the power to modify rates.

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Green Rejects All "Traff" Panaceas

As Cure for Manpower Problems

Chicago, April 11.—President William Green declared here that, after conferring with Government officials and members of the American Federation of Labor, he is convinced that the only way to solve the manpower problem is to increase production and to increase the number of workers in the industry.

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Plane Output Again Hits New Peak

Washington, D. C., — Aircraft production in March set an all-time monthly record both in weight and number of planes, C. E. Wilson, director of the War Relocation Authority, announced today.

Wilson said that the total weight of aircraft produced in March was 10,000 tons, compared with 9,000 tons in February. The number of planes produced in March was 1,000, compared with 900 in February.

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Delayed Post-War Report

Released As Nations Forum Opens

New York City, April 11.—The American people will learn the results of the post-war program—a program designed to build war forever, to produce prosperity and social justice, to build a new world order, to build a new world order, to build a new world order.

The detailed and specific report, drafted by the AFL Post-War Committee and released to the public by the committee of the Executive Council, was released on the eve of a dramatic National Post-War Forum under AFL auspices, with leaders in the government, industry, agriculture and education participating.

First and foremost, the report declared categorically that "War is a crime." It said that the American Federation of Labor is in the forefront of the struggle to build a new world order, to build a new world order, to build a new world order.

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